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SUBJECT: INCTAD PREPARATORY MEETING MEETING ON HARD FIBERS

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1. WITH SOME COMMODITY EXPERTS IN ROME FOR FAO COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF COMMODITY PROBLEM, THERE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSIONS OF UPCOMING UNCTAD PREPARATORY MEETING ON HARD FIBERS.
2. DISCUSSIONS CENTERED AROUND BRITO OF BRAZIL WHO WILL BE ATTENDING GENEVA MEETINGS. BRITO HOPES TO BE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF PREPARATORY MEETING ON HARD FIBERS. THEN, ANOTHER PRODUCING COUNTRY SHOULD BE VICE-CHAIRMAN AND A CONSUMING COUNTRY ELECTED RAPPORTEUR. FRG, KNOTE, AND BELGIUM, REGNIER, BOTH ARE LEANING TOWARD SUPPORTING BRITO AS CHAIRMAN.
3. BRITO THEN LAYED OUT FOLLOWING SCENARIO FOR HARD FIBERS MEETING. AFTER BRIEF GENERAL MEETING MONDAY, MEETING WOULD BREAK UP FOR REST OF MONDAY AND PROBABLY TUESDAY MORNING INTO SEPARATE PRODUCER AND CONSUMER MEETINGS. ANOTHER GENERAL MEETING WOULD BE HELD TUESDAY AFTERNOON. THEN ON WEDNESDAY TWO WORKING GROUPS WOULD MEET, ONE ON SISAL CHAIRED BY BRITO AND SECOND ON ABACA AND COIR CHAIRED BY PRODUCER VICE-CHAIRMAN.

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4. BRITO WILL SEEK AGREEMENT ON A SET OF QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED

BEFORE NEXT MEETING OF PREPARATORY MEETING ON HARD FIBERS.
IT WOULD BE LEFT VAGUE AS TO WHOM THE QUESTIONS ARE ADDRESSED,
BUT BRITO WOULD SEE FAO INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON HARD FIBERS
MEETING IN NEW DELHI ON MARCH 14-19, 1977 TAKE UP QUESTION,
THUS BRINGING FAO INTO ACT.VOLPE

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